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REJECTED NAVY PENSION CLAIMS.

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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,

TRANSMITTING

*A statement of persons who have applied for relief under navy pension laws, whose claims have been rejected, and the reasons therefor.*

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JANUARY 26, 1848.

Read, and laid upon the table.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT, January 19, 1848.

SIR: I have the honor to enclose herewith a report from the acting Commissioner of Pensions, embracing "a list of the names of persons who have applied for relief under the navy pension laws, and whose claims have been rejected, and the reasons for rejecting the same," together with his letter to the department, accompanying the report.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
J. Y. MASON.

Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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PENSION OFFICE, January 17, 1848.

SIR: In conformity with the joint resolution of Congress, passed at the first session of the 21st Congress, (No. 7,) dated the 29th May, 1830, in relation to applications for pensions, I enclose herewith a list of persons who have applied for navy pensions during

the last year, and whose claims have been rejected, because there is no provision by law for such cases, or because, under the rule of evidence adopted by the department, they are excluded from the benefits of the navy pension laws. The reason for rejecting each claim is given in the column of remarks, and is set opposite the name of the applicant. As the resolution requires such a list only of those who, in the opinion of the department, ought to be placed on the pension list, and as I have been, and still am, uncertain what particular cases were intended to be recommended to the favorable consideration of Congress, I have declined expressing any opinion as to the merits of any case, and merely state the facts as to the cause of rejection, believing that the list, with the remarks subjoined to each case, will afford the best means of attaining the object which Congress had in view in passing the resolution.

After a careful examination of the papers in the cases now reported, I have been unable to discover that there are any claims among them that I should recommend to the consideration of Congress for special legislation.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
GEO. WM. CRUMP.

Hon. JOHN Y. MASON,  
*Secretary of the Navy.*

*A list of the names of persons who have applied for relief under the navy pension laws, and whose claims have been rejected, and the reasons for rejecting the same.*

Names of applicants.	Rank.	Reasons for rejection.
Nathaniel Adams ....	Purser's steward	He alleges to have been employed in the revenue service; but there is no law under which the department is authorized to grant a pension.
William Butler .....	Landsman .....	He alleges to have been injured by the blowing up of the powder magazine on board the steamer Fulton. The muster rolls of that vessel do not show that he was injured or disabled, nor does it appear from the Navy Register that such a person as T. E. McKiernan, who signs the certificate of disability, was a medical officer of the navy.
<i>Widows.</i>		
Hannah Dean, widow of George Dean....	Seaman .....	It does not appear that George Dean was ever entitled to a pension, and there is no law under which the widow can claim a pension, as her husband did not die in the service.
Sarah Hebard, widow of Andrew Hebard .	Chief engineer..	The existing laws do not authorize the allowance of a pension to the widow of an engineer.
Evelina Porter, widow of David Porter....	Captain .....	Commodore Porter did not die in the service, and the law does not extend to any one whose husband died after he left the navy.

PENSION OFFICE, January 17, 1848.

GEO. WM. CRUMP,  
*Acting Commissioner of Pensions.*

